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A.—(*a*) Mr. Kelappan Nair and three others were arrested on the occasion; they were not assaulted by the police.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have received a report from the District Magistrate of Malabar.

(*d*) They do not propose to take any further action.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Why were they arrested?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Because they wanted to create trouble, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"In what way? The word 'trouble' is very vague and would cover a multitude of things."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"They wanted to disturb the meeting while the hon. Minister was present."

Civil Justice

Proposed transfer of one of the Sub-Judges at Bapatla to Tenali.

* 1490 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a large number of suits more than one year old are pending in Bapatla Sub-Court in spite of the fact that two Subordinate Judges are working for a number of years there;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the High Court has recommended one of the Sub-Judges of Bapatla Sub-Court to be transferred to Tenali;

(*c*) what are the reasons adduced to shift one of the Sub-Judges to Tenali in solving the excess pendency in Bapatla Court;

(*d*) whether the Government have passed any orders on the recommendation of the High Court to shift one of the Sub-Judges from Bapatla to Tenali;

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to defer passing any orders on this question pending investigation into the whole question of pendency of suits in this whole district;

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to open a new Sub-Court at Tenali without disturbing the two Sub-Judges at Bapatla;

(*g*) whether the Government have received any memorial from the Bar Association of Bapatla regarding the shifting of one of the Sub-Judges from that place; and

(*h*) what is the estimated cost to Government (i) of shifting one of the Sub-Judges at Bapatla to Tenali and (ii) of opening an independent Sub-Court at Tenali?

A.—(*a*) On the 1st October 1929, 133 ordinary suits over one year old were pending on the file of the Bapatla Sub-Court.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) No definite proposals have been received from the High Court on the subject.

(*f*) The Government await the advice of the High Court in the matter

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The cost of opening an independent Sub-Court at Tenali will be Rs. 22,420 roughly; and in the event of the shifting of the Additional Sub-Judge, Bapatla, to Tenali, the additional cost will be Rs. 10,360 roughly. (The above figures do not include the cost of the building and pensionary charges.)

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Diwan Bahadur P. C. Ethirajulu Nayudu :—" May I ask the hon. the Law Member with reference to the answer to clause (g) whether the Government have sent any reply to the memorial of the Bar Association ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not remember ; I want notice."

Forests

Action taken on the memorials from Forest Rangers.

* 1491 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the orders passed by the Government on the memorials of the forest rangers setting forth their grievances as regards the bar to promotion in the rangers' cadre ?

A.—The Government have negatived the requests of the memorialists.

Assignment of Lands

Assessed and unassessed waste lands in Mecheri village.

* 1492 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : With reference to the answer to question No. 110, dated the 8th August 1929, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have since received a report about the assessed and the unassessed waste lands of Mecheri village, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, etc., and if so, whether they will furnish the information asked for in the question ?

A.—A copy of the Collector's report[a] is appended.

Irrigation

Progress of the Lower Bhavani Project.

* 1493 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the consideration of the Lower Bhavani Project is and when the same will be completed ;

(b) whether results of the experiments on duty of water, absorption, seepage, etc , have been received, and whether any decision has been arrived at thereon ;

(c) whether a full report of the details of the project will be placed on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) & (b) The consideration of the Lower Bhavani Project was postponed in December 1928 pending the results of experiments to be made in regard to duty of water, absorption, seepage, etc. The Government approved of a proposal to conduct experiments in one or two sluices under certain channels in Coimbatore district in order to see whether higher duties could be worked up to. The Chief Engineer's report on the experiments is awaited.

(c) The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 1341 I, dated 25th September 1926, which was placed on the table in connexion with question No. 350 answered on 17th March 1927.

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